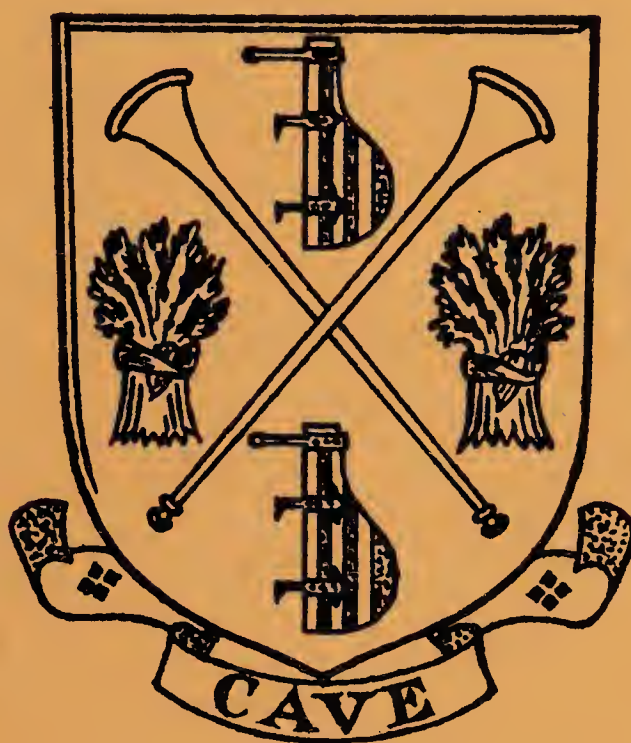


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WARE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



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of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

including the report of the

SENIOR PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR FOR THE YEAR 1967

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WARE,
HERTS

W A R E U R B A N D I S T R I C T.

Annual Report on the Health of the District for the year 1967.

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W A R E U R B A N D I S T R I C T

P R E F A C E

To the Chairman and Councillors, Ware Urban District.

Mr. Chairman, Madam and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report upon the health of the Urban District of Ware for the year ending the 31st December, 1967.

The year showed a satisfactory population increase with a total of 13,660 as compared with 13,150 in 1966. This gives an increase of 510 as compared with 280 the previous year.

The health of the inhabitants of the town has again been excellent with only a comparatively small epidemic of measles in the first quarter of the year. There was an outbreak of infective gastro-enteritis of viral origin in a school to which I have referred in the text of my report together with some comments on viral conditions which unfortunately appear to be prevalent in this area.

The work of the Department has proceeded smoothly and efficiently during the year and this, as I commented last year, has been due to the fact that both the Public Health Inspectors have been relieved, to a large extent, of their arduous and lengthy duties of meat inspection and so have been able to devote more of their time to other routine duties.

The questions both of noise and dust have created some problems during the year and these are referred to by Mr. Lucas in his section of the report.

This preface is comparatively short this year for the excellent reason that when one has good news to report there is little necessity for further comment.

I am once more grateful to the Public Health Committee and its Chairman for the keen interest in and appreciation of the work of this Department. I am also grateful to Mr. Lucas, Mr. Todd and Mr. Luck for the uniformly high standard of their work. I acknowledge with pleasure the assistance I have received from the other Chief Officers and their staff.

I am Mr. Chairman, Madam and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

GORDON M. FRIZELLE

Medical Officer of Health.

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Diploma in Food Hygiene.
R.S.H. Meat Inspectors' Certificate.

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Mrs. S. Daniels (part-time joint typist to the Health Dept.,
and the Housing Dept.,)

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

The Chairman of the Public Health & Public Works Committee for the
session 1967/8 was Councillor Dr. J.W.E. Fellows.

Also on the Committee were Councillor Mrs. E.K. Barker, and Councillors
Messrs. F.H. Beazley, J.C. Collar (Vice-chairman), E.C. Allen, J.L. Ball,
T.C. Weller-Lewis, L.G. Williams and N.G. Murphy (ex-officio).

SECTION A

GENERAL STATISTICS 1967

(Table 1)

(Figures for 1966 are shown in brackets)

POPULATION

Estimated Mid Year Population of Ware Urban District

13,660

(13,150)

Natural increase or decrease	...	...	+	104
Migration in or out	...	...	+	406
Total increase or decrease	+	510

GENERAL STATISTICS

<u>Area in acres</u>	1,385.38
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Number of Inhabited Houses according to Rate Book:

4,356

(4,200)

Number of Houses per acre	3.14
Number of Persons per acre	9.86
Number of Persons per house	3.13

<u>Rateable Value of District</u>	£773,483
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Sum represented by a Penny Rate	£3,265
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VITAL STATISTICS

(Table 2)

Figures for 1966 are shown in brackets

<u>LIVE BIRTHS</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	145 (160)	125 (161)	270 (321)
Illegitimate	2 (7)	5 (4)	7 (11)
Total Live Births	147 (167)	130 (165)	277 (332)
Live Birth Rate per 1,000 population		20.3 (25.24)	
Area Comparability Factor for Births		0.95 (0.95)	
Standardised Live Birth Rate per 1,000 population		19.28 (23.97)	
Illegitimate Live Births per cent of total live births		2.52 (3.31)	
<u>STILL BIRTHS</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	3 (6)	2 (1)	5 (7)
Illegitimate	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
Total Still Births	3 (6)	2 (1)	5 (7)
Still Births rate per 1,000 total live and still births		17.73 (20.65)	
<u>TOTAL LIVE & STILL BIRTHS</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	148 (166)	127 (162)	275 (328)
Illegitimate	2 (7)	5 (4)	7 (11)
Total Live and Still births	150 (173)	132 (166)	282 (339)
<u>COMPARISON RATES</u>	<u>Ware Urban District</u>	<u>Hertford County</u>	<u>England & Wales</u>
Live Birth Rate	20.3	16.5	17.2
Area Comparability Factor	0.95	0.9	
Standardised Birth Rate	19.28	15.5	
Still Births Rate	17.73	12.5	14.8

VITAL STATISTICS

Table 2 (Continued)

<u>INFANT DEATHS</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Infants under one week, total	- (1)	1 (4)	1 (5)
Legitimate	- (-)	1 (4)	1 (4)
Illegitimate	- (1)	- (-)	- (1)
Infants under four weeks, total	- (1)	1 (4)	1 (5)
Legitimate	- (-)	1 (4)	1 (4)
Illegitimate	- (1)	- (-)	- (1)
Infants under one year, total	2 (1)	1 (4)	3 (5)
Legitimate	2 (-)	1 (4)	3 (4)
Illegitimate	- (1)	- (-)	- (1)

INFANT MORTALITY RATES

Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 total live births	10.83	(15.06)
Legitimate Infant Deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births	11.11	(12.46)
Illegitimate Infant Deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births	NIL	(90.90)
Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths of infants under four weeks per 1,000 total live births)	3.61	(15.06)
Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths of infants under one week per 1,000 total live births)	3.61	(15.06)
Perinatal Mortality Rate (still-births and deaths of infants under one week combined per 1,000 total live and still births)	21.27	(35.39)

VITAL STATISTICS

Table 2 (Continued)

MATERNAL DEATHS

Maternal Deaths, including abortion	NIL	(NIL)
Maternal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live and still births	-	(-)

DEATHS (Total)

Deaths of all ages	Males	77	(97)
	Females	96	(103)
	Total	173	(200)
Death Rate per 1,000 population		12.66	(15.20)
Area Comparability Factor for Deaths		0.66	(0.59)
Standardised Death Rate per 1,000 population		8.35	(8.96)

COMPARISON RATES

	<u>Ware Urban District</u>	<u>Hertford County</u>	<u>England & Wales</u>
Infant Mortality Rate	10.83	14.0	18.3
Legitimate	11.11	13.6	
Illegitimate	NIL	19.6	
Neo-Natal Mortality Rate	3.61	10.2	12.5
Early Neo-Natal Mortality Rate	3.61	8.9	10.8
Perinatal Mortality Rate	21.27	22.3	25.4
Maternal Mortality Rate	NIL	0.1	0.2
Death Rate	12.66	8.9	11.2
Area Comparability Factor	0.66	1.1	
Standardised Death Rate	8.35	10.0	

TABLE 3

CAUSES OF DEATH DURING THE YEAR 1967

Line No.							M.	F.
	ALL CAUSES	...	...	...	...	...	77	96
1.	Tuberculosis, Respiratory	...	...	...	...	...	1	0
10.	Malignant neoplasm, Stomach	...	...	...	...	...	1	2
11.	" " Lung, Bronchus	...	...	...	...	...	7	1
12.	" " Breast	...	...	...	...	...	0	1
14.	Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms	...	...	...	...	...	11	10
16.	Diabetes	...	...	...	...	...	0	1
17.	Vascular Lesions of Nervous System	...	...	...	...	...	10	31
18.	Coronary Disease, Angina	...	...	...	...	...	18	9
19.	Hypertension with Heart Disease	...	...	...	...	...	1	5
20.	Other Heart Disease	...	...	...	...	...	4	5
21.	Other Circulatory Disease	...	...	...	...	...	2	5
23.	Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	...	5	6
24.	Bronchitis	...	...	...	...	...	8	4
26.	Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum	...	...	...	...	...	2	1
31.	Congenital Malformations	...	...	...	...	...	2	1
32.	Other Defined and Ill-defined Diseases	...	...	...	...	...	3	11
34.	All other Accidents	...	...	...	...	...	1	2
35.	Suicide	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
(a)	Still Births	...	...	...	...	...	3	2
(b)	Deaths of infants under four weeks of age	...	...	...	...	...	0	1
(c)	Deaths of infants four weeks to one year of age	...	...	...	...	...	2	0

TABLE 4

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Notifiable Disease (Other than Tuberculosis) notified during the year

<u>Disease</u>	<u>Total</u>	Age Group in Years						<u>Age not known</u>
		<u>Under</u>					<u>Over</u>	
		1	1-	5-	15-	25-	65	
Measles	77	2	52	22	1	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	2	-	-	2	-	-	-	-
Meningococcal meningitis	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever	3	-	2	1	-	-	-	-

Incidence of Infectious Disease by Months

Measles	January	54	February	20
	March	1	May	2
Whooping Cough	July	2		
Meningococcal meningitis	January	1		
Scarlet Fever	November	3		

No cases of Food Poisoning were notified.

TABLE 4 (Continued)

Tuberculosis Notifications during 1967

The year commenced with 64 names upon the Register, as follows:-

<u>Males:</u>	Pulmonary 31	Non-Pulmonary 2
<u>Females:</u>	Pulmonary 26	Non-Pulmonary 5

During the year, one male and one female pulmonary cases were notified. A transfer notification was received from the Hammersmith Chest Clinic that one aged male pulmonary case had moved into the district, but a vague address was given and in spite of extensive enquiries, the patient was never traced. As a result, this case was not added to the register, leaving a total of two new cases to be added.

One male pulmonary case died. One male and one female pulmonary cases recovered.

Three cases were thus removed from the register, leaving the number of cases at the end of the year reduced by one.

At the end of 1967, the following cases remained upon the register:-

<u>Males:</u>	Pulmonary 30	Non-Pulmonary 2
<u>Females:</u>	Pulmonary 26	Non-Pulmonary 5

Total 63 cases

GENERAL STATISTICS

The population figures have shown a gratifying increase over those of the past two years. The total mid-year population for 1967 was 13,660 as compared with 13,150 in 1966. This gives a growth of 510 made up of an inward migration of 406 and a natural increase of 104. The comparable increase in 1966 was 280 and in 1965 it was 410.

The number of inhabited houses rose from 4,200 to 4,356, the number of houses per acre from 3.03 to 3.14, the number of persons per acre from 9.49 to 9.86 and the number of persons per house remained at 3.13.

VITAL STATISTICS

Despite the population increase, the total number of live births fell from 332 to 277 giving a live birth rate of 20.3 compared with the County figure of 16.5 and that for England and Wales of 17.2.

The still births fell from 7 to 5 - there again being no illegitimate still births - with a consequent still birth rate of 17.73 compared with 12.5 for the County and 14.8 for England and Wales.

The infant deaths fell from 5 to 3 with a consequent death rate of 10.83 compared with last year's 15.06.

Deaths at all ages numbered 173 compared with 200 in 1966. Of these 173, 96 occurred in females and 77 in males. This gave a standardised death rate of 8.35 compared with the previous year's 8.96. There were no maternal deaths.

CAUSES OF DEATH

Diseases of the heart and circulatory system were again responsible for the greatest number of deaths, these being 49 or 28.3 per cent of the total. Of these, Coronary Disease accounted for 27 but none of these patients was below the age of 45 and 17 were over the age of 65.

Vascular Lesions of the Central Nervous System caused 41 deaths, but as might well be anticipated the majority occurred in older patients, 6 being in the age group 65 to 75, and 31 over the age of 75.

The third commonest cause was Malignant Disease. Deaths here numbered 33 of which 8 were due to cancer of the lung. Of these 8, 6 were in the older age groups, 5 being between 65 and 75 and 1 over 75.

12 deaths were due to Bronchitis and 9 of these were in patients over the age of 75. 11 deaths were caused by Pneumonia.

There were 3 accidental deaths due to Drowning, a Head Injury and a Fractured Femur, both the latter caused by falls. The 2 suicides were caused by Barbiturate Poisoning and Drowning.

The 3 deaths under 1 year of age were due to Asphyxia, Polycythaemia and Influenzal Meningitis.

Out of the total of 173 deaths, 101 or 58.3 per cent occurred over the age of 65, while out of these 101, 14 were over 90 of which 1 died at the age of 100.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

For some reason, not readily explainable, outbreaks of measles occur every two years. In 1967 the customary biennial outbreak took place with, as usual, the greatest incidence of cases in the first quarter. The total number of notified cases was 77.

Early in January one case of Meningococcal Meningitis was discovered in a boy aged 17. Fortunately there were no extensions of the disease and the patient made a satisfactory recovery in hospital.

In October, it was reported that 22 children at a Junior Mixed Infants School were away from school suffering from diarrhoea and vomiting and that an additional 23 children had been ill but had recovered and had returned to school. A complete sample of the previous day's lunch which was under suspicion, together with faecal specimens both from patients and kitchen staff were taken to the Public Health Laboratory, Colindale. All laboratory reports were negative for food poisoning. These findings, together with clinical aspects of the outbreak, led to the conclusion that the causative agent was a virus.

The condition known variously as "Epidemic Gastro enteritis", "Intestinal Flu", "Epidemic Vomiting", "Winter Vomiting" or even at times as "The Bug", appears unfortunately to be endemic in the South-East with occasional exacerbations in epidemic form. The greatest frequency is between November and April though, as stated above, sporadic cases can occur all through the year.

The seasonal incidence, the sudden outbreaks and the symptomatology suggest that viral agents are responsible, but these are very difficult to isolate.

A typical onset occurs with explosive vomiting at intervals of 10 - 30 minutes over the first four to eight hours. This then tends to diminish spontaneously. Diarrhoea may accompany the onset or begin 6 - 12 hours later. It is not as severe as is seen in the Dysenteries. There may be an accompanying low fever or the patient may be apyrexial.

The illness almost always attacks children over 1 year of age, is more severe between the age of 1 and 3 and tends to diminish in severity as the child grows older. The attack is generally self-limiting, lasting 1 - 3 days in the school child and perhaps only 24 - 48 hours in adult life. The older child may not suffer from diarrhoea and even be constipated and vomiting may be the only salient feature.

The diagnosis can usually be made when the symptoms occur in children over 1 year of age with typical explosive vomiting followed by diarrhoea and slight fever, during the winter months and especially when prevalent in a community or in families. The fact that bacteriological investigations are negative is an additional pointer.

A similar type of outbreak, often referred to as "Summer Diarrhoea" can occur in children generally under 1 year of age during the summer months and is usually associated with Entero viruses, especially ECHO¹¹ and ECHO¹⁸ Viruses.

TUBERCULOSIS

At the beginning of the year there were 64 cases on the Register and by the end of the year this figure was reduced to 63 of which 56 were Pulmonary and 7 non-pulmonary.

An intensive search of the T.B. records is to be carried out in 1968, and as a result it is anticipated that this will result in a reduction of the existing figures.

FOOD HYGIENE

For the fourth successive year, no cases of food poisoning were reported. This satisfactory state of affairs is largely due to the vigilance of the Public Health Inspectors who keep a watchful eye on all food handling establishments.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACTS 1948 & 1951

I am glad to report that once again no action was required under these Acts.

MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR IMMIGRANTS

Notification of the arrival of immigrants in the community is followed by a visit from one of the Public Health Inspectors. This is to satisfy the requirements that the immigrant has registered with a Medical Practitioner and has made arrangements for a Chest X-ray.

BUILDING

During the year Council built 50 houses and 90 were built by private enterprise.

SPECIAL REPORTS

During the year special reports were made to the Public Health Committee on Accidental Hypothermia, Leptospirosis, Smoking in Public Places, the Food (Control of Irradiation) Regulations 1967 and the Annual Conference of the Royal Institute of Public Health & Hygiene.

PUBLICATIONS

"Diet & Nutrition"

Journal of the Royal Institute
of Public Health & Hygiene.

SECTION B

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR WARE

LABORATORY SERVICES

Laboratory facilities are provided by the Public Health Laboratory Service at Cambridge.

In emergency, medical specimens may be examined at the Laboratory of the County Hospital, Hertford.

COUNTY COUNCIL HEALTH AND WELFARE SERVICES

The following County Council Services under the National Health Service Acts 1946 - 1957 are available for Ware. Full details can be obtained from the County Medical Officer, County Hall, Hertford.

Home Nursing, Midwifery, Health Visiting and Welfare Centres

Health Centre,
Bowling Road, Ware.

Telephone: Ware 2388

Number of Nurses - 4

Number of Health Visitors - 3

The following clinics are held at the Welfare Centre:-

Speech Therapy

Friday P.M.

Infant Welfare

Mondays & Tuesdays
2.0 - 4.0 PM.

Orthoptist

Friday A.M.
(by appointment)

Dental Clinic

Tuesdays, Thursdays &
Fridays - A.M. and P.M.

Ante & Post Natal Clinics

Dr. Fellows

Drs. Moore & Sedgwick

Thursday 2.0 PM. (by appointment)
Friday

Relaxation Class

Tuesday A.M. (by appointment)

Immunisation

Second Thursday
10.0 AM. - 12 noon.

Family Planning

Monday 7.0 - 8.0 P.M.
Thursday 7.0 - 8.30 P.M.

School Clinic

Second Monday
10.0 A.M.

Vaccinations against Small-pox, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Tetanus and Poliomyelitis

Babies can be immunised against the above-named diseases at the Welfare Centre and similar facilities are provided by the family doctors. It is strongly urged that adults should avail themselves of the protection afforded against Poliomyelitis.

The following table gives the latest recommendations:-

2 - 6 months	Diphtheria Whooping Cough Tetanus	} 3 injections
6 - 10 months	Poliomyelitis	Three doses of oral vaccine. This may be given at the same time as the triple injection if the procedure is started at 3 months.
1 - 2 years	Smallpox Vaccination	
15 - 18 months	Reinforcing Diphtheria Whooping Cough Tetanus	} Injection
5 years	Reinforcing Oral Poliomyelitis Diphtheria Tetanus	} Injection
9 - 12 years	Smallpox Re-vaccination	
13 years	B.C.G. Vaccination against Tuberculosis	

Home and Domestic Help

Applications for this service should be addressed to the Local Organiser at 27 Bull Plain, Hertford (Telephone: Hertford 3232).

A charge may be made for this Service in accordance with the County Council's assessment scale.

Care and After Care

Applications for recuperative holidays, if recommended by the Medical Attendant, should be made to the County Medical Officer.

Equipment such as mackintosh sheet, crutches and wheel chairs can be issued on loan to patients being nursed at home and a weekly charge is made according to the financial circumstances of the patient. Applications should be made to Mr. A.C. Trundle, 57 High Oak Road, Ware.

Ambulance Service

An Ambulance Station adjoins the Priory Grounds. Except in emergency an ambulance should be ordered by a Medical Practitioner.

SOCIAL WORK UNIT

From the 10th October, 1967, the East Herts. Social Work Unit was located as follows:-

"Westfield", West Street, Hertford.
(Telephone: Hertford 3145 and 5875)

Divisional Social Worker	-	Miss H.M. Watson
Divisional Welfare Officer	-	Mr. R.C. Lingham
Asst. Divisional Welfare Officer	-	Mr. K.R. Cockman
Social Worker (Welfare)	-	Mrs. J.E. Wright
Social Workers (Mental Health)	-	Miss B. Church
		Mrs. A. Stroud
		Mr. J.D. Gray
		Mrs. E.M. Hewish
		Mrs. M. Luckman
		Mrs. P.A. Page
		Mrs. A. Marshall
Social Workers (Blind)	-	Miss I. Van Raaij
		Miss D. Taylor
Social Worker (Physically Handicapped)		Miss P.M. Watson

For Compulsory Removals to Hospital under the Mental Health Act, 1959:-

During office hours
(9.0am. - 5.30pm
Monday to Friday)

Telephone: Hertford 3145 and 5875

Outside office hours

Ring Hertford Ambulance Control
(Hertford 2222) who will supply
the number of the Social Worker
on duty

HOSPITAL SERVICES

Ware is served chiefly by the Hertford County Hospital, Hertford, but patients may also be treated at the Herts & Essex Hospital, Bishops Stortford and the Queen Elizabeth II Hospital, Welwyn Garden City.

Western House

Chronic sick can receive treatment at Western House Hospital, Collett Road, Ware.

Western House also provides beds under Part III of the National Assistance Act 1948, on behalf of the County Council.

The hospital contains 87 beds of which 66 are for women and 21 for men. It is anticipated that on the 1st April, 1968 the hospital will have to be closed for fresh constructional work and then patients will be accommodated in other hospitals in the Group, with the majority concentrated at the East Herts. Hospital, Block 5, where they will be looked after by the Western House own staff.

The work to be undertaken will include new sanitary annexes and bathrooms, showers, modernisation of the kitchens, improved heating, extension to day rooms, and the construction of concrete ramps from the first floor to the ground at the rear of the building to facilitate the movements of patients.

Part III accommodation remains unchanged and can take approximately 190 persons of whom half are generally males and half females. Increasing emphasis is being placed upon the reception of psycho-geriatric patients who require special nursing.

Patients suffering from Infectious Disease are treated either at St. Ann's Hospital, Tottenham, or Highlands Hospital, Winchmore Hill, N.21 (formerly South Lodge Hospital).

GENERAL PRACTITIONER MEDICAL SERVICES

Seven doctors practise in Ware.

DENTAL SERVICES

There are two Dental Surgeons in Ware.

OTHER SERVICES

Blood Transfusion Donor Sessions are held at The Priory.

There is a very active Old People's Welfare Service in Ware.

The W.R.V.S. has an office at 48b High Street, Ware.

S E C T I O N C

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

REPORT OF THE SENIOR PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

For the year 1967

The Priory,
Ware, Herts.,

To the Chairman and Members of the
WARE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Mr. Chairman, Madam and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting to you my thirty-second annual report.

All premises registered under the Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963 have now received a general inspection and very few notified contraventions remain unrectified.

Meat inspection now under the full-time care of Mr. H. Luck, Authorised Officer, is receiving the benefits which result from the services of a full-time inspector. Arising from the agreement reached with the slaughter-house owners in October, 1966 concerning hours of slaughter, your officers benefited by a substantial reduction in the number of hours of overtime worked.

Despite the general conditions attached to planning consent forbidding nuisances from noise, dust and smell, a new mill, which began work in 1966, did cause a serious noise nuisance. This has been considerably reduced and receives detailed comment in the report. Various dusts are produced during unloading which create smell when the material is fish meal. The Clean Air Act, 1956 gives wide control over plant (i.e. boilers, furnaces, chimneys etc.,) and enables a local authority to control these new installations. Surely it is wise for industry to admit that planning aims quite obviously include safeguards for environmental health and hygiene and that any attempts to establish new industry or processes without the fullest regard for these considerations is surely to result in trouble for industry and planners alike. Without censure or acrimony and only in the interests of economy and health, which frequently run parallel courses, I ask - can any enterprise deserving of the word "modern" contemplate anything but careful planning in detail? The alternative is to rely on nuisance orders or high court injunctions. Such proceedings can be costly and like relatively abortive remedies which sometimes arise from inadequately planned proposals are best avoided.

Seven years have elapsed since the sewers have received a poison bait treatment. For the first time the acute poison Fluoroacetamide (1081) was used and manholes were not lifted after treatment. This, the largest full scale treatment ever done accounted for 83.5% of all the foul sewer manholes.

I am pleased to record the continuance of harmony in all the relationships between the members of the staff. I am especially grateful to Messrs. Todd and Luck for their co-operation; also to Mr. Scales for his keen attention to pest control.

I thank the Chairman and members of the Council for their support and interest shown in the departments affairs.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Madam and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

C.J. LUCAS,

Senior Public Health Inspector.

STATISTICAL RECORDS

1967

SUMMARY OF VISITS

<u>Public Health Act, 1936</u>		<u>No. of Visits</u>
Sec.	24 Cleansing and maintenance of sewers	22
"	39 Drainage of existing buildings	21
"	45 Defective closets capable of repair	4
"	48 Examination and testing of drains (as amended by Sec. 16 of P.H.A. 1961)	20
"	51 Care of closets	9
"	56 Yards and passages to be paved and drained	-
"	75 Regulation dustbins	-
"	83/4 Cleansing filthy or verminous premises and articles. (Flies 91, Ants 2, Wasps 6, Domestic filth 13)	112
"	83/4 Inspection of houses of prospective Council tenants and at changes in tenancies of Council houses	98
"	85 Cleansing of verminous persons (head lice)	9
"	87 Public sanitary conveniences	7
"	89 Sanitary conveniences at inns, refreshment houses etc.,	5
"	92 Statutory nuisances	
	(a) Premises in such a state etc.,	70
	(b) Animals kept in such place or manner	5
	(c) Any accumulation or deposit	39
	(d) Any dust or effluvia caused by trade, business, manufacture or process - being prejudicial to health or a nuisance	47
	(e) Effluvium caused by trade	8
"	144 Infectious Disease enquiries (Contacts Smallpox, Typhoid etc.,)	14
"	223 Swimming baths	6
"	259 Nuisances in connection with watercourses, ditches and ponds etc.,	-
"	268 Nuisances from sheds	-
<u>Local Government Act, 1933</u>		
Sec.	249 Byelaws for good rule and government Byelaw 10 - Dogs fouling footways	-
<u>Clean Air Act, 1956</u>		
Secs.	1 & Prohibition of dark smoke and smoke 16 nuisances	36
C/Fwd.		532

		<u>No. of Visits</u>
B/Fwd.		532
<u>Water Act, 1945</u>		
Sec.	28 Duty of local authority with respect to water supplies	8
<u>Public Health Act, 1961</u>		
Sec.	17 Summary power to remedy stopped up drains	4
"	19 Disconnection of unused drains	-
"	22 Power to cleanse or repair drains on application	1
"	23 Loan of temporary sanitary conveniences	-
"	74 Pigeons in built up areas	-
<u>National Assistance Act, 1948</u>		
Sec.	47 Old Peoples Welfare	-
<u>National Health Service Act, 1946</u>		
	Long stay immigrants	7
<u>Noise Abatement Act, 1960</u>		
Sec.	1 Noise or vibration nuisance	77
"	2 Loudspeakers etc., on highways	1
<u>Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960</u>		
Sec.	1 Prohibition of use of land as a caravan site without licence	13
Building Plans examined		17
<u>Housing Act, 1957</u>		
Sec.	3 Duty of local authority to cause inspections to be made - inspections recorded in accordance with regulations. (No. of houses inspected 5)	10
"	9 Repair of unfit houses (See Sec. 92(a) P.H.A. 1936)	-
"	16 Unfit houses not repairable at reasonable cost	17
"	17 Unfit houses to be demolished or closed	2
"	44 Houses to be cleared in clearance areas	1
"	55 Houses to be demolished for redevelopment	4
"	86 Particulars of overcrowding	4
"	159 Notice for purposes of survey (informal)	3
C/Fwd.		701

		<u>No. of Visits</u>
	B/Fwd.	701
<u>Housing Act, 1964</u>		
Sec.	14 Reinspection of houses for improvement	26
<u>Food and Drugs Act, 1955</u>		
Sec.	2 General protection for purchasers of food and drugs (i.e. not of the nature, substance or quality demanded)	15
"	9 Examination and surrender of unfit food (excluding slaughterhouse)	35
"	9 Examination of food exposed for sale	68
"	13 Regulations made thereunder	
	(a) The Meat Inspection Regulations, 1963	181
	(b) The Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960	
	(i) Food, food premises and personnel thereat	48
	(iii) Meat transport	6
	(c) The Food Hygiene (Markets, Stalls & Delivery Vehicles) Regulations, 1966	25
	The Ice Cream (Heat Treatment etc.,) Regulations, 1959 - 63	26
	(d) The Ice Cream (Heat Treatment) Regulations, 1959 - 63	
	Ice Cream samples	12
"	18 Registration of premises under Section 16 of the Act	15
"	26/27 Food poisoning - <u>suspected outbreak</u>	
	Enquiries at school	6
	Enquiries at homes (No. of faeces pots 28)	49
	Visits to laboratories	4
"	29 The Milk & Dairies (General) Regulations, 1959 Part IX - Cleansing of bottles	2
"	63 Applications for renewal of slaughterhouse licence subject to compliance with the construction regulations of the Slaughterhouses (Hygiene) Regulations, 1958 and the Slaughter of Animals (Prevention of Cruelty) Regulations, 1958 as required by Section 1 of the Slaughterhouses Act, 1958	1
	The Slaughterhouses (Hygiene) Regulations, 1958 - 1966	4
	The Meat (Staining and Sterilization) Regulations, 1960	-
	C/Fwd.	1,224

		<u>No. of Visits</u>
B/Fwd.		1,224
<u>Factories Act, 1961</u>		
Sec.	7 Sanitary Conveniences	
	(a) Factories	49
	(b) Building Operations (as applied by section 127, sub-section (2) (a)	-
<u>Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949</u>		
Sec.	2 Duty of Local Authority - sub-section (a) Inspection of district. (Rodent Operative's visits are given in separate report).	24
<u>Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963</u>		
Sec.	49 Notification of fact of employment of persons	26
	Number of visits to premises	481
Total		<u><u>1,804</u></u>

COMPLAINTS RECEIVED

General
Rats and mice

224
85

NOTICES SERVED

Informal Public Health Act, 1936

Sec. 24	Recovery of costs maintaining sewers	3
" 39	Repair and cleansing of drains prejudicial to health or a nuisance (Sub-section (c))	4
" 51	Care of closets	3
" 83/4	Cleansing of verminous premises and articles (Flies 2, Fleas 1)	3
" 92	Premises in such a state as to be prejudicial to health or a nuisance (Sub-section (a))	4
	Any animal kept (Sub-section (b))	1
	Any accumulation or deposit (Sub-section (c))	2
	Any dust or effluvia caused by any trade, business, manufacture or process (Sub-section (d))	1
" 140	Restriction of use of water from polluted well	-
" 144	Sub-section (1) (a) Homeworkers notified of obligation to notify M.O.H. of disease	3

Housing Act, 1957

Sec. 159	Notice for purpose of survey	3
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Clean Air Act, 1956

Sec. 30(1)	Occupier of bakehouse notified emission of dark smoke, Sec. 1.	4
" 30(1)	Bonfire smoke, occupiers of industrial and building sites and Western House notified of smoke nuisance. Sec. 16(1)(b)	7

Noise Abatement Act, 1960

Sec. 1	Noise or vibration nuisance (industrial)	5
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Food and Drugs Act, 1955

Sec. 13	Regulations made thereunder	
	The Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960	
	Regulation 6(1) Lack of cleanliness of equipment	1
	" 6(2) Unsuitable equipment	1

Food and Drugs Act, 1955 (Cont)

Regulation 16(1)	Wash-hand basin required for food handlers	1
" 16(2)	Hot and cold water for above	1
" 16(3)	Soap and towel in connection with above	1
" 18(1)	Storage of clothing and firewood in food room	1
" 19(1)	Insanitary sink for vegetable preparation	1
" 23(1)	Unsatisfactory stone floor	1
" 23(1)	Cleansing of shelves etc.,	1

The Slaughterhouse (Hygiene) Regulations

Regulation 5(c)	Detention room	1
" 8	Prevent entry of birds	1
" 11	Surface of stock yard	1
" 19(a)	2 boars kept in lairage in excess 72 hours	1
" 25	Cleansing of interior surfaces slaughter hall, hanging room and condemned room	1
" 27(a)	Prevention of infestation by flies	1
" 32(b)	Lock for condemned meat room	1
" 40(a)	No wiping cloth (forbidden)	1
" 42(a)	Manure and refuse removal in 2 days	1
" 42(b)	By products, skins, hides removal	1

The Slaughter of Animals (Prevention of Cruelty) Regulations, 1958

Regulation 3(c)	Ventilation and natural light for lairages	1
" 6	Insufficient water for animals awaiting slaughter	1

The Meat Inspection Regulations, 1963

Regulation 11	Notice to local authority and marking of carcasses placed in cold storage (C. Bovis)	-
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Factories Act, 1961

Sec.	7	Sanitary conveniences	12
"	133	Sub-section (2) Outworkers - notifications to other local authorities	2

Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act

Sec.	4	Cleanliness of premises	23
"	5	Overcrowding	3
"	6	Temperature	53
"	7	Ventilation	31
"	8	Lighting	21
"	9	Sanitary conveniences:	
	(i)	additional facilities	2
	(ii)	not separate for sexes	18
	(iii)	disposal of sanitary dressings	1
"	10	Washing facilities	
	(i)	additional facilities	9
	(ii)	supply of hot and cold water	28
	(iii)	supply of soap and towels	4
"	12	Accommodation for clothing	9
		Drying facilities	7
"	13	Seating arrangements	1
"	16	Floors, passages and stairs	40
"	17	Fencing of machinery	9
"	24	First Aid boxes	46
		No abstract displayed	74

STATUTORY NOTICES:

Public Health Act, 1936

Sec. 39(1)(c)	Drainage appliance in such a condition as to be a nuisance	2
" 92(1)(a)	Premises in such a state as to be a nuisance	2

Housing Act, 1957

Sec. 16	Time and place notice	1
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Factories Act, 1961

Sec. 7	Sanitary conveniences	1
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Letters

Public Health Acts	49
Clean Air Act	8
Noise Abatement Act	9
Housing Act	16
Food and Drugs Act	23
Factories Act	5
Prevention of damage by Pests Act	13
Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act	49
Long Stay Immigrants	1
Byelaws Dogs Fouling Footpaths	1
Litter Act, 1958	1

Water Supply

The town to the north of the river Lee is supplied by the Lee Valley Water Company from two wells sunk in chalk, one at Musley Lane and the other at Musley Hill, the former being the main source of supply. A new 16" main from the Sacombe Works brings emergency supplies via Watton Road to the town and Kings Hill area. The south side of the town is supplied by a 6" main from the Hertford Works of the same company, but a small part of Hoe Lane is supplied by the Metropolitan Water Board.

From particulars supplied by the Chief Chemist and Bacteriologist of the Lee Valley Water Company, it appears that 252 bacteriological and 10 chemical samples were taken and all were certified to be satisfactory by him. No action was necessary in respect of contamination.

There are 4,328 houses with a population of 13,570 persons in the urban area receiving internal supplies of water from the company's mains. All these supplies are chlorinated and the fluoride content is less than 0.2 milligrammes per litre.

The Metropolitan Water Board continue to supply the Highfields (Hoe Lane) area, comprising 23 domestic premises and Presdales and Pinewood Schools. The domestic population is estimated at 80 persons, excluding the school residents.

The Director of Water Examination for the Board states that 257 bacteriological and 4 chemical samples were examined and certified satisfactory by him. No fluoride was added and the naturally occurring fluoride content was 0.30 milligrammes per litre.

There are however, three private wells serving four cottages and a bungalow. The water is pumped to roof tanks in all five of them and gravitates to sink taps. Half yearly bacteriological samples taken by this department proved satisfactory.

Swimming Pool

The Council's swimming bath consists of a heated open air pool with paved surrounds and diving boards, and paddling pools. The buildings comprising offices, changing rooms, toilets and plant house were rebuilt in 1965. A light refreshment kiosk serves the pool and recreation ground.

Water which is drawn from the town mains is treated by break point chlorination and continuous pressurised sand filtration. The plant is designed to change the water every 6 hours. Renewals and overhauls to the plant were undertaken during the year.

Samples of water were taken every fourteen days during the season and proved satisfactory.

Two complaints about the turbidity of the water in the footbaths at the dressing room exits were passed to the Surveyor for his attention.

Drainage and Sewerage

No significant amendments were carried out to the sewers during the year.

Refuse Collection and Disposal

Refuse is collected weekly and tipped at Drinkwater's tip in Gentleman's field, Westmill Road at an agreed charge of 7/6d. per ton.

A pilot scheme for paper sack collection of refuse introduced in 1964 covered 670 houses but was extended and now includes an additional 209 paper sack holders and 204 bin liners.

Common Lodging Houses

No common lodging houses are registered within the district.

PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS, 1936 - 1961

Sewers, drains and sanitary conveniences

Six sewer and five drain blockages were removed at the departments instructions. Two drains were partially relaid and one defective joint renewed at the connection of a soil pipe with a drain.

Two filthy W.C. pans were required to be cleansed by the tenants.

Filthy or Verminous Premises and Articles

Supervision of five Council tenants was essential owing to lack of cleanliness and involved a flea infestation in one case.

Fly infestations on one new housing estate were largely due to unsatisfactory conditions at one small-holding and a manure heap, but some degree of infestation does arise from the general farm land in the area and possibly from refuse disposal tips within a half mile radius. The final infestation was due to cluster flies.

Despite the daily spraying with Malathion of the Council's refuse tip in Wengeo Lane it is highly probable that some flies leave the tip down wind particularly when earth cover is spread daily. The first link to forge in fly control is to impress on the public that lids of dustbins and paper sack refuse containers should always be in situ and fit reasonably closely.

Nuisances

With the enforcement of Part III of the Civil Amenities Act, 1967 requiring the Council to provide refuse dumps there should be a realistic advance in securing general tidyness and freedom from litter in town and country as identified offenders can be prosecuted and the cost of removal of abandoned vehicles and things can be recovered.

Publicity regarding such facilities could well include appeals for dustbin hygiene, requesting exclusions of liquids and secure fixing of lids. These precautions would greatly reduce the opportunity for fly breeding in house refuse.

Of fifteen cases of dampness investigated three were due solely to condensation arising from inadequate ventilation and heating. Another three were probably due to a combination of defective damp courses and the aforesaid ventilation and heating deficiencies. The remainder were due to structural defects of roofs, walls and gutters. Dry rot arose from dampness and lack of sub-floor ventilation in one case.

Despite modifications to dust extraction plant at two unloading bays at the Star Street mill manufacturing animal feeding stuffs, dust nuisance is created particularly when sacks of fish meal, cocoa etc., are emptied in windy weather. I feel that with forethought at the planning stage, it would have been possible to situate and design the bay on the north side of the mill to allow complete enclosure of the unloading process which takes place in close proximity to houses and other innocuous industry. With fish meal dust there is also smell.

NOISE ABATEMENT ACT, 1960

Satisfactory progress towards noise reduction was made by the installation of attenuators to fans of an air conditioning plant at Victoria Maltings, referred to in 1966. Similarly the same firm by the construction of a plenum wall reduced noise from the operation of oil fired furnaces to a more acceptable level.

Although the widespread noise from several cyclones was satisfactorily insulated and attenuated at the animal foods mill in Star Street (also referred to under nuisances) further complaints were made in December, 1967 by five residents about machinery and general noise from the factory. The company were asked to remedy the excessive noise created in the early morning when lorries are warmed up and depart. Their attention was directed to the report of Mr. E.G. Ewing on the survey of 28th/29th September, 1966 - "a level outside of 45 dBA should be satisfactory". This, I consider, should be the aim for night time working, particularly in summer when both factory and domestic windows will be open.

The new flour Turbo-mill has given rise to noise complaint in Amwell End and whilst the cessation of night working has given a respite, any resumption of night work, particularly if in summer time, is likely to result in more general annoyance.

Following temporary alterations to a dust extraction plant at a plastics works in Park Road, the plant was moved nearer to the boiler house, but this did not achieve an improvement. Owing to the possible closure of these works, further action is being suspended.

CLEAN AIR ACT

A new oil installation replacing coal firing was finally installed at a bakehouse. The bakers at length admitted to the many benefits other than the abatement of the smoke nuisance.

Adjustments to the oil burners and attention to the smoke tubes rectified the smuts emitted from the Western House chimney. Effective checks to serious bonfire nuisances at Western House and at industrial and building sites were rapidly applied by the department.

HOUSING ACTS

Five unfit houses were demolished; viz. 91/93 High Street and 40, 41 and 42 Priory Street. This leaves four houses for clearance (Nos. 2 - 5 Church Street). Two attics were closed at the "Bell and Sun" (6 West Street).

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

Section 2. General protection for purchasers of food and drugs

Complaints received in February and April regarding dirty buttered rolls were passed to the Weights and Measures Inspector as being "not of the quality" demanded were not brought to prosecution owing to the fact that the aged cafe proprietor, who had been prosecuted by this Council for offences against regulation 5 of the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960, was removed to hospital in April and sold the business.

The Meat Inspection Regulations, 1963 - 1966

The statistics included in this report show a reduction in the number of animals slaughtered during the year. A change of ownership at the opening of the year had some effect on the trade, but there were signs towards the close of the year that business was returning to the former level.

The inspectorate share the Saturday and bank holiday duties on a rota basis.

The Slaughter of Animals (Prevention of Cruelty) Regulations, 1958

Regulation 3(e)

Improvements to the natural lighting and ventilation to the George Yard lairages will be carried out in 1968. There is adequate provision for artificial lighting.

The Slaughterhouse (Hygiene) Regulations, 1958 - 1966

The following improvements were carried out during 1967.

Regulation 6 - Improvements were made to the water facilities in numerous pig and cattle lairages.

Regulation 8 - Wire proofing of slatted window openings was effected to prevent the entry of birds.

Regulation 17(5) - Checks maintained on sufficiency of covers for garbage bins.

Regulation 25 - Cleansing and whitening of walls and ceiling surfaces throughout the premises.

Regulation 40A - Fine water spray provided for carcasses and wipers discontinued.

The Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960

The two proprietors of the Leader Cafe were convicted by the local magistrates in February, 1967 of offences against regulation 5 on the 16th August, 9th September and 20th October, 1966 and were each fined £10.-.-. in respect of each offence with £10.-.-. costs (i.e. a total penalty with costs of £80.-.-.). Financial difficulties forced the senior partner to quit and the business changed hands. This was fortunate and avoided further prosecutions involving the original senior partner.

All food shops have been inspected and a number of minor improvements were effected.

The Food Hygiene (Market, Stalls and Delivery Vehicles) Regulations, 1966

A portable sink unit with double sink top provides hot and cold water facilities for market vendors. This was provided and is maintained by the Council with fuel, soap and paper towels.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

In the autumn of 1967 the whole of the sewer systems north and south of the River Lee within the Council's boundaries were treated with poison baits containing fluoracetamide (1081). Bait was deposited in 448 manholes and 89 manholes were not treated for a variety of reasons, e.g. unsuitable benchings, covers immovable or not located.

Takes were not recorded on completion because of the time involved in lifting manhole covers. Reports of dead rats at Rye House Sewage Purification Works were received at an early stage, but not during the later part of the operations.

ANALYSIS OF UNFIT HOUSES

CLEARANCE AREAS

<u>Area No.</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Date Declared</u>	<u>Occupation</u>
29	91 High Street	25.11.57.	Demolished July, 1967.
	93 High Street	"	Demolished July, 1967.
30	2 Church Street	25.11.57.	Vacant
	3 Church Street	"	"
	4 Church Street	"	"
	5 Church Street	"	"

No. of houses (4)

Closing Orders Made

<u>Address</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Occupation</u>
32 Crib Street	7.9.55.	Vacant
15 West Street	7.9.55.	Storage only
16 West Street	7.9.55.	Workshop
41 Priory Street	9.12.63.	Council purchased 15.6.64.
		Demolished June, 1967.

No. of houses (4)

Undertakings not to relet accepted

<u>Address</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Occupation</u>
20a Baldock Street	28.1.63.	Occupied
41 Baldock Street	2.11.64.	Vacant
36 Baldock Street	3.4.55.	H.C.C. purchased for relief road.
1 Monkey Row	31.3.55.	Occupied
8 Crib Street	20.10.37.	Vacant
16/18 Crib St. (one house)	26.7.33.	Offices
22 Crib Street	26.9.55.	H.C.C. purchased for relief road.
34/36 Crib St. (one house)	31.3.55.	Vacant
6 Church Street	6.10.58.	School store
22 Church Street	25.3.57.	Vacant
50a Church Street	24.2.58.	2 F.flat (Vacant)
1 East Street	28.3.60.	Business convers. on 1967.
8 East Street	28.1.63.	Cine Club
106/8 High St. (one house)	18.11.53.	Wireless repairs
46 Star Street	7.10.63.	Vacant
48 Star Street	24.7.61.	Vacant

ANALYSIS OF UNFIT HOUSES (CONTD).

Undertakings not to relet accepted (Cont).

<u>Address</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Occupation</u>
1a West Street	24.3.58.	Shop & Offices occupied
2 West Street	30.12.57.	Office use ground floor. Occupied
17 West Street	19.8.38.	Vacant
40 Priory Street	9.3.64.	Council purchased 15.6.64. Demolished June, 1967.
42 Priory Street	9.3.64.	Council purchased 2.1.67. Demolished June, 1967.
20 High Street	2.10.67.	Shop only occupied.
6 West Street	10.8.67.	"Bell & Sun" 2 attics only. Vacant

No. of houses (23)

Areas represented by M.O.H. but not declared - 27.7.59.

<u>Address</u>		
17-18 Church Street (one house)		Occupied
23 Church Street	H.C.C. to negotiate purchase for relief road	Vacant
25 Church Street		Occupied
33 Church Street		Occupied
34 Church Street	H.C.C. purchased for relief road.	Vacant
35 Church Street		Occupied
36 Church Street	H.C.C. purchased for relief road.	Vacant
10 Crib Street		Occupied
20 Crib Street		Vacant
26 Crib Street	H.C.C. purchased for relief road.	Occupied
28 Crib Street	Owner sought - undertaking in suspense.	Vacant
30 Crib Street	Undertaking sought	Vacant
42 Crib Street		Occupied

No. of houses (13)

Unfit houses in probable redevelopment area - report to Council 9.3.1964.

5 Princes Street	Council purchased 26.1.67.	Occupied
9 Princes Street	Rehoused December, 1966.	Re-occupied

No. of houses (2)

ANALYSIS OF UNFIT HOUSES (CONTD).

Undertakings accepted to make fit

Date

65 Crib Street	1953	Mr. Allen, owner/occupier doing work.
55 High Oak Road	March, 1963	Improvements in hand.
63 High Oak Road	March, 1963	Improvements in hand.
14b Baldock Street	12.8.63.	Closed following part repair.

No. of houses (4)

Other Houses

28, 30, 32, 34 Baldock Street	H.C.C. purchased for relief road.
25 Crib Street	H.C.C. purchased for relief road.
24, 25, 28, 29 Princes Street (not unfit)	Demolished for redevelopment.

HOUSING PROGRESS

NEW HOUSING BY PRIVATE ENTERPRISE

During 1967

New dwellings erected.	90
Conversions or adaptations in terms of family units.	NIL

BY LOCAL AUTHORITY

New dwellings erected.	50
Conversions or adaptations in terms of family units.	NIL

BY OTHER AUTHORITIES

(County Council, Police etc.,)	NIL
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TOTAL PROPERTIES CONTROLLED BY THE COUNCIL

Council Houses.	1,509
Temporary prefabricated bungalows.	NIL
Sundries (including shops)	28

FOOD PREMISES - FOOD HYGIENE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS, 1960

Type of Premise	Number	No. fitted to comply with Reg. 16	No. to which Reg. 19 applies	No. fitted to comply with Reg. 19
Grocers & Provision Merchants	26	26	26	26
Greengrocers	15	15	15	15
Dairies & Milk Depots	2	1 *	2	2
School & Industrial canteens	15	15	15	15
Butchers	11	11	11	11
Fishmongers (wet fish)	3	3	3	3
Fried Fish shops	2	2	2	2
Sweets & Confectionery	14	14	-	-
Chemists	3	3	3	3
Bakehouses	2	2	2	2
Cake Shops	4	4	4	4
Cafes & Restaurants	4	4	4	4
Public Houses	29	29	29	29
Residential Hotels	2	2	2	2
Wine & Spirit Shops	2	2	-	-

CARCASES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED

	Cattle excl Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Goats
Number killed during 1967	1,689	338	369	1,731	20,901	2
Number killed during 1966	1,783	437	378	1,499	26,325	2
Number inspected during 1967	1,689	338	369	1,731	20,901	2
Number inspected during 1966	1,693	431	375	1,418	24,006	2
All diseases except Tuberculosis:						
Whole carcasses condemned	2	3	6	12	54	-
% of the number inspected totally condemned	0.11	0.88	1.62	0.69	0.25	-
Tuberculosis only:						
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
% of the number inspected totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Cysticercosis</u>						
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	12	1	-	-	-	-
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration	-	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-

CONDEMNATION OF MEAT IN LBS.

(a) <u>HOME KILLED CARCASE MEAT</u>	<u>Beef</u>	<u>Mutton</u>	<u>Pork</u>	<u>Total</u>
Ware Slaughterhouse ...	3,043	553	14,981	18,577
Other Food Premises ...	90	101	89	280
(b) <u>IMPORTED CARCASE MEAT</u>				
Other Food Premises ...	Nil	Nil	63	63
(c) <u>EDIBLE OFFAL</u> (excluding tripes)				
Ware Slaughterhouse ...	9,730	498	9,533	19,761
Other Food Premises ...	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

OTHER FOODS

The following foods were found to be unfit for human consumption and were surrendered:-

	<u>No. of Containers</u>	<u>Approx. Weight in lbs.</u>
Tinned Fruit	404	731
Tinned Vegetables	129	169
Tinned Soup	16	10
Tinned Jam	37	37
Packets of Cereals	3	3
Tinned Meat	30	81
Tinned Fish	35	19
Tinned Puddings	41	28
Tinned milk and cream	21	10
Packets of Dried Fruit	18	57
Fresh cake		73
Fresh fish		75
Jars of Savouries	11	10
Chocolates		10
Frozen Meat	32	10
Frozen Fish	25	16
Frozen Vegetables	24	17
Frozen Fruit	66	33
Ice Cream (including "Mousse")	129	104
	<u>1,021</u>	<u>1,493</u>

Condemnation notes issued: 230

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949.

REPORT FOR THE 12 MONTHS TO 31st DECEMBER, 1967.

		TYPE OF PROPERTY	
		NON- AGRICULTURAL	AGRICULTURAL
1.	Number of properties in the district	5,478	7
2.(a)	Total number of properties (including nearby premises) inspected following notification	85	NIL
	(b) Number infested by i) rats	67	NIL
	ii) mice	18	NIL
3.(a)	Total number of properties inspected for rats and/or mice for reasons other than notification	1,588	8
	(b) Number infested by i) rats	140	4
	ii) mice	51	NIL
4.	Number of notices served under Section 4 of the Act	...	...
5.	Number of cases in which default action taken
6.	Legal proceedings
7.	Number of 'Block' Control Schemes carried out

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IN RESPECT OF THE YEAR 1967 FOR THE URBAN
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Prescribed Particulars on the Administration
of the Factories Act, 1961

PART 1 OF THE ACT

1. - INSPECTIONS for the purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of Inspections (3)	Written notices (4)	Occupiers prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Section 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	4	1	NIL	NIL
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	75	48	12	NIL
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	8	NIL	NIL	NIL
Total	87	49	12	NIL

2. - Cases in which DEFECTS were found

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred to H.M. Inspector (4)	by H.M. Inspector (5)	
Want of cleanliness (s.1)	--	--	--	--	--
Overcrowding (s.2)	--	--	--	--	--
Unreasonable temp. (s.3)	--	--	--	--	--
Inadequate vent. (s.4)	--	--	--	--	--

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred to H.M. Inspector (4)	by H.M. Inspector (5)	
Ineffective drainage of floors (s.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary conveniences (s.7)					
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	8	4	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	6	2	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	-	-	-	-	-
Total	14	6	-	-	-

PART VIII OF THE ACT

Outwork

(Sections 133 and 134)

Nature of work (1)	Section 133		Section 134			
	No. of out-workers in August list required by Section 133(1)(c) (2)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council (3)	No. of prosecu- tions for failure to supply lists (4)	No. of instances of work in unwhole- some premises (5)	Notices served (6)	Prose- cutions (7)
Wearing apparel, making.	38	-	-	-	-	-
Paper bags.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	38	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL

